

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

As I mentioned in last week's notes, this is the time of Dads and Grads. We just had the graduation Friday of the eighth grade students of Saint Patrick's School. The graduation takes place in church after Mass which sets Catholic education apart from other types. It truly makes a difference when religion can be taught and practiced during life at school. We ask the Lord to bless the graduates of St. Patrick's School and all graduates from every school in these days. May Jesus watch over them always. Congratulations Graduates!

Today of course is Father's Day. I think of all fathers, beginning with my own, with gratitude and prayer. So many dads give so much for their family often in a quiet way.(Alright not everyone is quiet.) I cannot help but think of St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, who was a hard worker and protector of the Holy Family. (In some countries, such as Italy, St. Joseph's Day is also Father's Day.) Saint Joseph was a loving father and a humble man. He does not speak a single word in the bible yet he did so much for Mary and Jesus. St. Joseph is a great example for fathers. Our hearts should be filled with gratitude for all wonderful dads.

At some point, St. Joseph must have passed away before Jesus began preaching. Today we pray for all fathers, living and deceased. Many people have endured the sadness of the loss of fathers, grandfathers and godfathers but our faith gives us the hope and promise of eternal life with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Again this is a time to celebrate Fathers and Graduates and all of our loved ones who merit our gratitude and prayers. Let's keep up those prayers because prayers are a great gift. They keep us connected to God in our mind and heart and soul and keep us connected to one another. They are offered with love for Dads and Grads and all of God's people.

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor Giandurco